Dear Parents,

In the month of April we will take time to recognize the incredible assistance that our volunteers contribute to our school. Their efforts are sometime visible, but more often than not they are behind the scenes. Island Creek is so fortunate to have these valuable resources and we appreciate their efforts on behalf of our students.

On Monday, April 13, we will honor our volunteers with a luncheon. Our staff has put together a lovely event. We hope our volunteers will join us.

Please consider volunteering your time next school year by becoming a PTA officer. They are an invaluable asset to our school community. The PTA Nominating Committee is accepting names for all board positions. Please contact Debbie Cassell at tiggerific_1978@yahoo.com for more information.

Thank you for being our partners in education!

Michael G. Macrina
Principal

YEARBOOK SALES END ON APRIL 15TH!

It’s easy to order online at www.ybpay.com. Click on “search for yearbook ID” to find Island Creek and begin the order. (Island Creek ID: 5726715)
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**April 2015**

- **Spring Break March 30-April 3**
- **Autism Awareness Month**

**April Events:**
- **April 5:** Student Holiday
- **April 10-11:** PTA Meeting, ICES Library
- **April 12:** Third Grade Field Trip
- **April 14:** YEARBOOK SALES END
- **April 15:** Two Hour Early Dismissal
- **April 16:** Kindergarten Orientation
- **April 17:** Student Holiday
- **April 18:** Student Holiday
- **April 19:** Admin & Support Employee Recognition Week
- **April 20:** Fourth Grade Field Trip
- **April 21:** 6th Grade Debates, Theater
- **April 22:** 6th Grade Debates, Theater
- **April 23:** SCA Spirit Day Backwards Day
- **April 24:** 3-5 All County Chorus, Mt. Vernon HS
- **April 25:** 8-10 PTA Fun Run
- **April 26:** 1:00-2:30 6th Grade Debates, Theater
- **April 27:** PTA Box Tops Collection Day
- **April 28:** Sixth Grade Field Trip
- **April 29:** 3:00-4:15 GOTR
- **April 30:** 3:00-4:15 GOTR

**Other Events:**
- **National Volunteer Week ~ We ♥ Our Volunteers!!**
- **Third Grade Field Trip**
- **PTA Box Tops Collection Day**
- **PTA Fun Run**
- **Autism Awareness Month**
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Check-it Out at the Library

National Library Week
April 12-19 2015

Celebrate National Library Week by visiting a library or reading a good book. Remember, Island Creek students and staff are “Wild About Books and Reading”!

ICES students voted “Again” by Emily Gravett their favorite Primary Virginia Readers Choice book.

March Library Happenings
It has been a busy time in the library this month. Here are just a few of the many things that have happened:

- All primary classes used the Smart Board to vote for their favorite Virginia Readers Choice book. As part of this activity, students learned to create and interpret bar graphs and also make mathematical observations about the data.

- Kindergartners are learning about nonfiction text features. As a first step, they are identifying them in a variety of nonfiction books while learning their importance and function.

- First grade classes are learning about dictionaries and how to use them while practicing their alphabetizing skills.

- Second grade classes are improving their information searching skills while learning about encyclopedias.

- Fourth grade classes are learning about a variety of information sources such as online databases that can help them research important Virginians.

- Fifth grade classes are tweaking the questions they will be researching for their Global Awareness & Technology projects.

What Others Are Reading
Hottest title: Crankee Doodle
Hottest author: Osborne, Mary Pope
Hottest subject: Dogs—Fiction.

Did you know the online catalog keeps track of the “Hottest” title, author and subject that our students check out from the Island Creek library?

Library Catalog
You can access the Island Creek library catalog from home: http://libcat.rps.edu/hublib/cglibrs/a/0/067-49?user_id=429WEB
IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF CURRENT 5TH GRADERS

It’s not too early to check!

Effective July 1, 2014, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering sixth grade.

- If your child is 11 years old, he or she must get the Tdap immunization and provide documentation to the school.
- If your child is still 10 years old, he or she may receive the Tdap vaccine, Boostrix, which is approved for 10 years old, or you may wait until the 11th birthday to receive the vaccine approved for 11-year-olds.
- If your child’s 11th birthday is after the first day of school, your child must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap immunization in order to attend school.

Please check your child’s immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that your child receive it and that you provide documentation to the school as soon as possible. This documentation can be a copy of your child’s immunization record, or a note from your physician listing the date of his or her most recent Tdap booster shot.

The Tdap booster can be obtained from your child’s physician. Immunizations required for school are also available at the Fairfax County Health Department at no charge. Clinic locations and walk-in hours are listed on the back of this letter and are available online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthclinicsite.htm. Students receiving immunizations at the Health Department must be accompanied by an adult, and students should bring their immunization records to the Health Department clinic with them.

It is most important that you attend to this matter soon. Sixth graders cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster.

Please, plan ahead to attend to this matter at your earliest convenience. When the 2015 school year begins, sixth graders for whom the office has no documentation of the Tdap shot will not be assigned to a teacher.

Please contact Laura Lux, the school public health nurse if you have any questions. She can be reached at 703-704-5203 or by email at Laura.Lux@fairfaxcounty.gov.

On Saturday, April 18th, experience mathematics like never before, when the first-of-its-kind National Math Festival comes to Washington, D.C. As the country’s first national festival dedicated to discovering the delight and power of mathematics, this free and public celebration will feature dozens of activities for every age—from hands-on magic, a scavenger hunt, and Houdini-like getaways, to lectures with some of the most influential mathematicians of our time.

The National Math Festival is organized by the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) and the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institution.

For more information: http://www.mathfest.org/?utm_source=National+Math+Festival+Newsletter+Sign+Up&utm_campaign=ae7c3897ce-America_s+first+National+Math+Festival&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96870b90da-ae7c3897ce-268512317
ENERGY ZONE KIDS FITNESS CHALLENGE

Research shows children copy the behavior of adults in their life. If parents are physically active, the children will be active too. Exercise burns calories, which assist in maintaining ideal weight. **Fit adults and children exercise 60 minutes per day.**

KEEP MOVING TO STAY IN SHAPE TIPS

- Plan daily family walks.
- Limit television or computer time to 1 to 2 hours per day.
- Make exercise fun.
- Encourage play outside with other children.
- Assign chores that involve activity such as cleaning or walking the dog.
- Help your children find physical activities they enjoy.

Remember, making a healthy change takes time and don’t expect perfection.

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DESAFÍO DE BUENA FORMA FÍSICA DE ZONA DE ENERGÍA PARA NIÑOS

La investigación muestra que los niños copian su comportamiento de los adultos en su vida. Si los padres están físicamente activos, los niños serán activos también. Hacer ejercicio quema calorías, lo cual ayuda a mantener un peso ideal. Los adultos y los niños competentes hacen ejercicios por 60 minutos por día.

CONSEJO PARA MOVERSE Y MANTENERSE EN FORMA

- Planee caminatas en familia diariamente.
- Limite el tiempo en la televisión o computadora de 1 a 2 horas por día.
- Diviértase haciendo los ejercicios.
- Promueva el jugar afuera con otros niños.
- Asigne tareas que impliquen actividades como la limpieza o el caminar al perro.
- Ayude a sus niños a encontrar actividades que ellos disfruten.

Recuerde, hacer un cambio saludable toma tiempo y no espere ser perfecto.
After learning about and researching famous Americans, the first graders shared their knowledge with parents and guests at a Wax Museum held during the ICES Artists and Authors celebration.

Dr. Christine Jutte, NASA Engineer, was the guest Speaker for the March GEMS Meeting. She explained that there are many different kinds of Engineering. One type of engineering creates Appropriate Technology. She had the Girls create an “Appropriate Technology” engineering project.

February 2015 GEMS Meeting: Ms. Deb Chase, Owner of Moxie 3D, showing the girls how a 3D printer works!

GEMS girls working on an engineering project relating to “Appropriate Technology” during the March 2015 GEMS meeting.